

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Rick Insell and the 1994-1995 Shelbyville High School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament .

WHEREAS, a traditional power, the awesome Shelbyville High School girls' basketball team, has concluded an outstanding season, adding to its already glorious athletic history, impressively winning the coveted 1995 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Shelbyville won the District VIII Tournament, with sterling victories against Franklin County 81-32 and Coffee County 50-32; and

WHEREAS, Region IV Tournament foes were no match for the high-soaring Eaglettes, who captured that championship with strong wins over Warren County 75-36, Murfreesboro Oakland 54-39 and White County 54-41; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate game, this tremendously talented team from Bedford County, won a convincing victory against Rhea County 64-44, advancing to the State Tournament for the eleventh time in the last twelve years; and

WHEREAS, with solid wins over Cheatham County 57-28, Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett 61-36 and Bradley County 53-41, Shelbyville won the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, this title was their eighth state championship, Shelbyville, having also won the prestigious tournament in 1964, 1972, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992 and finished as state runner-up in 1984, 1985 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Eaglettes had a marvelous 32-2 overall season record, an enviable winning percentage of .940; and

WHEREAS, their powerful offense averaged 70 points per game and their defense allowed a meager average of 42 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the authoritative *USA Today* poll ranked Shelbyville as the best team in the South, and the ninth best squad in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Eaglettes won the national championship in 1991 (33-0) and in 1989 (36-0); were ranked second best team in the nation in 1986 (39-0) and 1990 (35-0), number eight in 1985, number nine in 1987 (33-1), number ten in 1992 (32-4) and number twenty in 1988 (33-4); and

WHEREAS, highly regarded head coach **Rick Insell** has served admirably as coach of the Shelbyville girls' team since 1977. His teams have won an incredible 511 times and only lost 83 times, a winning percentage of .860; have won 15 district championships, 11 regional titles, 4 state championships, 4 state runners-up, 2 national championships and 2 national runners-up. Under his expert direction 10 players have won All-American classification and one was a *USA Today* National Player of the Year. Thirty-eight Eaglettes have signed collegiate scholarships and five persons have been selected Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA "Miss Basketball". He was the first Tennessee high school coach, boys or girls to win four consecutive state championships (1989-1992); and

WHEREAS, under Coach Insell's astute leadership, Shelbyville established a state record of 110 consecutive wins, were specially recognized as the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Team of the Year (first high school team so honored) in 1991; have been honored by President George Bush, by the United States House of Representatives, by the state Senate and House of Representatives and the Governor of Tennessee and have been featured on ESPN and in a number of widely read magazines, including High School Sports, Sports Illustrated and Disney Kids; and

WHEREAS, Coach Insell has been chosen USA Today National High School Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1991, Converse National High School Coach of the Year in 1990 and 1992, statewide Coach of the Year four times, The Tennessean Coach of the Year seven times,

District 8 AAA Coach of the Year nine times, Tennessee All-Star Team Coach four times, and has been the recipient of the Tennessee Outstanding Achievement Award, issued by Tennessee governors three times. His Eaglette teams have won the TSSAA's Distinguished Award for Academic Success 1989-1994, with team Grade Point Averages of 3.70, 3.36, 3.27, 3.04, 3.28, 3.55 and 3.79 first semester, 1994-1995; and

WHEREAS, he has served on the important Kodak High school All-America Selection Committee for the past three years and currently chairs the Selection Committee for the Nike/Foot Locker Girls' High School All-America team, was head coach of the 1992 Kodak High School All-America team and is a motivational speaker for Nike and various other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Shelbyville was led by senior **Conswella Sparrow**, an Auburn University signee, who scored more than 2,000 points; was named *Parade* All-American, WBCA All-American, Nike/Foot Locker All-American, TSSAA Class AAA Miss Basketball for the second straight year, All-State Tournament, All-State, All-Region IV Tournament, *Tennessean* Midstate Most Valuable Player and District VIII Most Valuable Player; senior sensation **LaDona Woodson**, who has scored more than 1,000 points; was selected Honorable Mention All-State, All-State Tournament, TACA All-Star, All-Region IV Tournament and All-District VIII and has signed with the University of Alabama; senior sharpshooter **Valerie Singleton**, who was chosen All-Region IV Tournament and has signed with University of Tennessee Chattanooga; senior superlative **April Wessner**, who has signed with the University of Alabama at Huntsville; supportive sophomore **Allison Clark**, an All-State Tournament, All-Region IV Tournament and All-District VIII honoree and super sophomore **Chrissy Davenport**, an honored member of the All-State Tournament team. This is the only team Coach Insell has coached that had all five starters averaging in double figures; and

WHEREAS, the other members of this tremendously talented team were senior **Amy Shavers**, juniors **Lindsey Parsons** and **Kary Snyder** and sophomores **Jamie Lawwell**, **Melissa Vannatta** and **Jennifer West**; and

WHEREAS, Coach Insell's capable assistant coaches are **LaBora McCroskey** and **Tim Fleming**; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were **Tamra Looper**, **Rachel Smith**, **Sarah Mac Wilson** and **Megan Lentz** and the video expert was Jeremy Wilhelm; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is proud to recognize this special team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Rick Insell and the 1994-1995 Shelbyville High School girls' basketball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.